

E-017/RP-92-484 ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
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Norma McKanna	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Petition of
Otter Tail Power Company for
Approval of Its 1992 Resource
Plan

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 6, 1992, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail or the Company) filed its resource plan pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Parts 7843.0100 to 7843.0600.

On July 23, 1992, the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of Attorney General (RUD-OAG) filed a petition to intervene in the proceeding. On August 28, 1992, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed its petition to intervene.

On October 2, 1992, the Izaak Walton League petitioned to intervene in Otter Tail's resource plan proceeding.

The Commission met to consider the Izaak Walton League petition on October 22, 1992.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Minn. Rules, Part 7843.0300, the Department, the RUD-OAG and the Environmental Quality Board may petition as of right to intervene in a resource plan proceeding. This means that these agencies will be conferred party status without formal approval from either the Commission or an Administrative Law Judge. Others who wish to gain party status must seek Commission approval of their petitions to intervene. They must demonstrate through their petitions that they are "interested persons" within the meaning of Minn. Rules, Part 7843.0300.

In its petition, the Izaak Walton League stated that its approximately 10,000 members in Minnesota and Iowa are interested in the wise use and conservation of electric power, and in the preservation of Minnesota's natural environment. The Izaak Walton League noted that, if granted party status, it would be the only established environmental organization intervening in Otter Tail's resource plan proceeding.

The Commission finds that the Izaak Walton League is an "interested party" within the meaning of Minn. Rules, Part 7843.0300. This organization has demonstrated a longstanding interest in promoting conservation and efficiency in the generation of electricity. Its viewpoint will be valuable in the Commission's consideration of Otter Tail's long range goals. The Commission will grant the Izaak Walton League's petition to intervene.

ORDER

1. The Izaak Walton League's petition to intervene is granted.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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